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**RESOLUTION
ON THE EXPANSION OF ASEAN NETWORK OF UNIVERSITIES**

The Twenty-third General Assembly:

Recognizing the importance of human resources development and IT applications as keys to fostering the socio-economic and educational development of each country and the region as a whole;

Recalling the determination of ASEAN Leaders expressed at the 4th ASEAN Summit in Singapore in 1992 to further expand the existing ASEAN network of leading universities and research institutes with a view to establishing an ASEAN University on the basis of the expanded network;

Noting the significant achievements recorded by the ASEAN Network of Universities, the practical activities organized by ASEAN Education Forum, and programmes on educational co-operation with partners, such as the Republic of Korea, India, China and other countries through various programmes of co-operation, scholar exchange and research activities;

Applauding efforts made by ASEAN countries to endorse strongly the resolution of 22nd AIPO in Bangkok on ASEAN university.

Hereby resolves

- a) To continue to give priority to human resources development in the region through co-operation programmes and projects among ASEAN Member Countries and with partners outside the region;
- b) To remain committed to working closely with ASEAN Member Governments to enhance co-operation within the frameworks of the ASEAN Network of Universities and ASEAN Education Forum and other existing mechanisms, regarding it as the basis for closer education co-operation within ASEAN and with other Partners;

- c) To further support ASEAN Members Country's efforts to establish the ASEAN University, which is flexible in its operating and has agreed upon training criteria and academic exchanges with a view to linking universities in the region.